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1. SCICOUNS PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MR. B.J. THOMPSON, US PROJECT LEADER IX-2.1, TO DR. V.M. POPOV, CHIEF ARCTIC-ANTAR-TIC DEPT, HYDROMET, 12 PAVLIK MOROZOV ST., MOSCOW, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. QUOTE: DEAR DR. POPOV. IN MY LETTER OF MID-MAY 1975 TRANSMITTED TO YOU BY THE U.S. EMBASSY, I INFORMED YOU THAT OUR SHIPBOARD PARTY FOR THE JOINT AT SEA EXPERIMENT WOULD BE DR. R. HARVEY AND MR. D. SHINMOTO OF NOAA'S JOINT TSUNAMI RESEARCH EFFORT (JTRE) IN HAWAII. ASSUMING THAT THE EXPERIMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED, WE HAVE NOW MADE RESERVATIONS FOR THEIR FLIGHT TO Khabarovsk FROM NIIGATA, JAPAN. BOTH ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN Khabarovsk ON JULY 25, AT 1840 ON AEROFLOT FLIGHT 696. BOTH WILL LEAVE THE SHIP IN HAKODATE, BUT DR. HARVEY WILL THEN RETURN TO Khabarovsk VIA TOKYO AND NIIGATA TO CONTINUE HIS WORK

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WITH SOVIET SCIENTISTS ON SAKHALIN AND THEN IN NOVOSIBIRSK AND

MOSCOW. FOLLOWING HIS STAY IN MOSCOW, HE WOULD PROCEED TO LENIN-GRAD AT HIS OWN EXPENSE FOR SIGHT-SEEING. HE WILL ARRIVE IN Khabarovsk THE SECOND TIME ON 19 SEPTEMBER, AT 1840 ON AEROFLOT FLIGHT 696. DR. HARVEY ALSO HAS RESERVATIONS FOR FINAL DEPARTURE FROM THE USSR ON 17 OCTOBER FROM LENINGRAD ON AEROFLOT FLIGHT 637. THE ABOVE SCHEDULE IS BASED ON INFORMATION GIVEN TO DR. HAYLORD MILLER (JTRE) BY PROF. SOLOVIEV AND BY THE OFFICE OF MR. KHODKIN IN HYDROMET.

3. I AGAIN PROPOSE THAT THESE VISITS BE CONDUCTED ON A RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS. WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, B.J. THOMPSON, CHIEF OCEANOGRAPHIC SERVICES BRANCH. UNQUOTE.

4. FYI: DR. MILLER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOLOVIEV AND HYDROMET INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CONCERNING THE SCHEDULE. AS RESULT OF TELECON WITH KHODKIN'S OFFICE, HE WAS REQUESTED TO PASS THIS TO HYDROMET. WE HOPE THAT THE EXPERIMENT IS STILL SCHEDULED. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL REPLY TO THE REFTEL, AND WE ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING VISAS UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. END FYI. SISCO

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